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MEMORANDUM FOR: SAA (LOG)

ATTENTION:

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REFERENCE: (1) Draft Copy of R 45-360 entitled, Material Caching

(2) Memorandum from Chief, TSS to COP/DD/P, dated 13 June 1955, Subject as Above

1. The comments you requested in forwarding reference (1) are answered in general by reference (2).

2. Specifically, TSS feels it must remain closely in touch with burial problems encountered by the operational elements. Otherwise we will not be in a position to feed our continuing research and development program which is essential to the technical support of individual operational demands. There is not yet developed an automatic solution for all the varying types of problems which are presently being encountered.

3. For the reasons stated above, TSS believes that the draft on Material Caching should be modified as follows:

Paragraph 4. a. (2) should read: For items prepared in the field for caching, the packaging component doing so will assure that improved methods are used. (Comment - we feel it would often prove fatal to the efficient performance of a clandestine operation to require headquarters approval of packaging techniques prior to carrying out the work. Furthermore, Office of Communications and TSS packaging units are kept up to date on techniques and materials by their respective headquarters components).

Paragraph 4 a. (3) should read: furnish to DD/P/TSS (where time conditions permit) a detailed report on methods of packaging and condition of materials recovered. This should include the length of time cached, climatic and geological conditions, and condition of the items, etc.

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Pictures should be furnished if available. (Comment - DD/P/TSS has a much broader interest and responsibility in the varied aspects of caching, i. e., site selection, re-location, security, etc., whereas the Office of Logistics interests are limited to those items which they themselves have prepared for packaging.)

Paragraph 4 a. (4) should read: furnish information to DD/P/TSS relative to indigenous preservation materials which have proven satisfactory or which might be considered adaptable to the caching program. (Comment - once again TSS's interests are very broad in this connection, particularly in regard to its research and development program which will offer technical evaluation of indigenous materials.)

Paragraph 4. b. should read: DD/P/TSS is responsible for: (Comment - we feel this responsibility should be designated to TSS in order that Agency components and activities will be aware of the identity of the office in DD/P which is actually responsible for such matters.)

Paragraph 4. b. (1) should read: developing and testing of preservatives, materials, and equipment to be used in the preparation of items for caching and approving those methods found successful. Also for informing the Office of Logistics, the Office of Training, and the Office of Communications of such matters.

Paragraph 4. b. (5) should read: rendering assistance in developing or evaluating caching programs (Comment - it is believed "upon request" may be deleted inasmuch as this phrase is presumptive.)

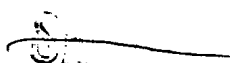
Paragraph 4. c. (1) should be written in as a DD/P/TSS responsibility rather than that of the Office of Logistics.

Paragraph 4. c. (2) We suggest omission of the word "technical" as we feel the guidance Logistics gives should be an over-all guidance on logistical and procurement problems, not technical.

Paragraph 4. c. (5) In our opinion, this portion should be deleted on the basis that caches prepared in the field should be the responsibility of the office controlling the facility actually engaged in the caches.

Paragraph 4. c. (c) It is felt that this sub-paragraph should be deleted inasmuch as it is covered by the recommended change to paragraph 4. b. (1).

Paragraph 4. d. (1 F) Should be deleted as a responsibility of the Director of Training and substituted as a responsibility of DD/P/TSS.


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Paragraph 4. d. (1 H) Should refer to the "writing of training manuals" only.

Paragraph 4. d. (2) Should substitute "DD/P/TSS" for "DD (Plans)."

4. The foregoing represents our current thinking on the matter. We should like to reiterate that the present draft ignores the responsibilities of the Office of Communications and the Medical Office.

5. As the matter now stands, we feel that considerable conciliation is called for. With this in view, we suggest the components involved talk the problems over in an effort to come to an understanding which will be agreeable to all. We propose to discuss the problems with [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] of the Office of Logistics, and [redacted] of the Office of 25X1
Communications upon the return of [redacted] on or about 5 July. 25X1

6. For your information, TSS is currently engaged in an intensified research and development program which will attempt to standardize a complete family group of packaging materials and techniques. This program will take into consideration all problems confronted by operational elements ranging from short term preparation which can be accomplished by a case officer with a minimum of effort and materials to the professional job required in long term staybehind operations.

7. Should you desire additional data in this matter, please consult [redacted] Chief, TSS/Special Devices Division, Extension 25X1
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Attachments:

References as noted

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